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William Hobbs's dwelling plantation, in Anne-Arundel county, endorsed; " By the house of delegates, May 24, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By order, By the house of delegates, May 26, 1783: Read the second time and will pass. W. HARWOOD, clk." " By order, The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

## 1783. May 27, A Y, D S E

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Messieurs Miller and Rowland, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill No. 12, with the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By sthe house of delegates, May 27, 1783: Read and assented to. W. HARWOOD, clk."

The president lays before the senate remonstrances and petitions from sundry inhabitants of Frederick and Montgomery counties, praying that the British debts of individuals may not be levied upon the inhabitants of this state; which were severally read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by John Henry, Esq;

Messieurs Pearce and Keene, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the sale of the glebe land in Shrewsbury parish, in Kent county, endorsed; 8 By the house of delegates, May 23, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. " By order,

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Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. John Henry, Eig; from the committee appointed to state and report the facts contained in the petition of Robert Long, brings in and delivers to the president the iollowing report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Robert Long, report, That the prayer of his petition to enlarge the damages in the declaration of ejectment is improper, that the reasons are insufficient, and will not justify the legislature in breaking in upon the established practice of the courts of justice; should the legislature, in this instance, by the perseverance of an individual, be brought to interfere and to change the usual and accustomed course of bustnels, a precedent will be established that in suture may be productive of much evil. not be the intention of the legislature, by their interposition, to influence the jury in their determination, and yet it is scarcely possible to encrease the damages from three hundred pounds to a much greater sum, without at the same time conveying to them their sense of the greatness and extent of the injury sustained. That in this case an action is already commenced for the mesne profits of the estate, which, in the opinion of your committee, is adequate in this instance to the purposes of redress, and Mr. Long's case not differing from others, ought not to receive a different remedy. By prosecuting his suit aforesaid, the merits of his case will be brought, in the usual way, before the only tribunal that ought to determine it.

It is necessary, however, to observe, that part of the estate which Pellett and company possessed, is now, by the act for confiscation of British property, vested in the state, so that unless a provision is made, this part of the property will not be liable to satisfy the damages that may be recovered. Your committee would therefore recommend, that the said Robert Long be lefe to profecute his suit for the mesne profits against Pellet and company, and that a law should pass subjecting that part of the property formerly belonging to the said company, and now in the possession of the state, to its proportion of the damages that may be recovered.

All which is submitted to the consideration of the senate.

The bill for laying out a road leading from doctor Ephraim Howard's tilting forge in the upper parts of Elk-Ridge, to interfect the public road leading to Elk-Ridge Landing, by William Hobbs's dwelling plantation, in Anne-Arundel county, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. The fenate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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The report upon the facts of the petition of Robert Long, was read the second time, concur-The fenate met. red with, and leave given to bring in a bill; and John Henry, James M'Henry, and Benedict E. Hall, Esquires, were appointed to bring in the same.

Messieurs Quynn and Stull, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to authorife and empower Elizabeth Vallette, Thomas Harwood, and William Brogden, executors of the last will and testament of Elie Vallette, late of Anne-Arundel coun-